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*K.J. Goodhand*Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In advance of examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:1. (Amended) An assay that is non-destructive of a sample being detected comprising
the steps of:

[labeling said sample];

placing said [labeled] sample in a first chamber;

labeling said sample in said first chamber;

separating said first chamber from said second chamber with a permeable, detection-
blocking membrane;RECEIVED
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